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Team NWT rocks in Regina

*Spirited Canada Summer Games
athletes get great results*

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Regina, Sask.

Team NWT may have come into the Canada Summer Games as an underdog, but the spirit of its players and coaches made them a crowd favourite this week.

Team NWT was split into two parts.

Group one competed in swimming, tennis and soccer during the first week of the Games, which were hosted by Regina, Sask. They eeked out some awesome victories, even without winning a single match.

There was Daniel Hiebert's personal bests in the pool, where the Hay River athlete competed in the swimmers with a disability category.

He smashed his previous record of 4:41.59 in the 100 metre backstroke by 52.37 seconds, wowing the crowd and his coaches, Ian Legaree of Yellowknife and Christy Davis of Hay River.

Hiebert and his teammates received standing ovations from the crowd throughout the heats, as athletes scored NWT records and personal bests all week.

Colton Yee of Hay River was on fire, shaving 20.36 seconds off his mens 400 metre freestyle swim time on the third day of competition.

On the soccer pitch, the girls team just kept getting better after starting the Games with an 8-0 loss to Nova Scotia on their first day of competition.

"The girls were really strong, a lot more aggressive than the first day," said Rita Bertolini, chef de mission with Team NWT for the next two games the girls played and lost.

The girls struggled to make goals all week, culminating in an awesome effort by Fort Simpson's Jessie Loutit Thursday in their last game.

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Swimming coach Ian Legaree wheels Hay River swim star Daniel Hiebert into the opening ceremonies of the Canada Summer Games in Regina. Hiebert shaved 52.37 seconds off his 100 metre backstroke time, shattering his personal best during competition last week.



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Tennis tourney

The end of the tennis season is signalled by the NWT Tennis Open championships, which will be held at the end of the